

REMARKS

I. Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, including claims 1-41, for prosecution herein.

The claims directed to the patentably distinct inventions of Group II (including claims 42-44) have been cancelled per the amendment instructions above. Cancellation of such claims has, however, been effected without prejudice to the applicant's rights under 35 USC §121 to file divisional applications with respect to such subject matter.

II. Response to Species Election Requirement

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the following patentably distinct species:

- (1) Matrix Polymer: (a) dextran sulfate
- (2) Coating: (b) HPMC
- (3) Form: (a) bead, sphere, granule
- (4) Medicinal: (g) antineoplastic agent

The claims which appear to read on the elected species include claims 1-4, 6-10, 15-16, 18-19, 27, 35 and 39-40. Claims 1-2, 6-10, 15, 27 and 39-40 appear generic to all patentably distinct species. Therefore an action on the merits of claims 1-4, 6-10, 15-16, 18-19, 27, 35 and 39-40 is awaited.

III. Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed

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herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

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